

Chair. Is that resolution even in effect at this point?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers, based on our limited research on the area and based on Mason's, it appears that legislative resolutions generally continue only during the duration of the legislative session. Therefore, I won't rule on your question, but simply allow you if you would like to proceed or not proceed with your motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, we don't have a ruling, but the resolution is not in effect so I would like to ask, if I may, the Speaker a question and it's not to overrule or change what the Chair has said, but it relates to the internal operation of the Legislature before I decide whether I'm going to proceed. So, Madam Chair, I hope you wouldn't take offense if I would address a question to the Speaker.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Absolutely not. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: I, on the other hand, would take offense if you direct a question to the Speaker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Mr. Speaker, since I think far more of the President and she has given approval, what you think and feel at this time is irrelevant. Here is the question. The Chair having explained how a resolution does not carry from session to session, would it be your sense that we should go on with this resolution or would you notify the legislative staff who purchases supplies that they can purchase styrofoam containers?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, it is my interpretation that what the President of the body has indicated is, in fact, the case, that this was merely a resolution giving the sense of the Legislature at the time that it passed. It never did find its way into the permanent rules of the body nor, and you may want to check with the Chair of the Executive Board, I do not believe it's a policy of the Executive Board so I see my interpretation as an individual who will attempt to enforce the rules of the Legislature that there is no rule banning styrofoam cups and that whoever makes those types of decisions ought to proceed as if that resolution has lost its effectiveness quite some time ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President, I feel very